

# MONTHLY BULLETIN

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## NOVEMBER SERVICES

### Sunday, November 3

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke  
Orthos **8:30 am**  
Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

### Sunday, November 10

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke  
Orthos **8:30 am**  
Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

### Wednesday, November 13

John Chrystostom  
Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

### Sunday, November 17

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke  
Orthos **8:30 am**  
Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

### Thursday, November 21

Entrance of the Theotokos  
Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

### Sunday, November 24

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke  
Orthos **8:30 am**  
Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

## Bible Study

### Tuesday, November 12, 19, 26

6:15pm – 7:45pm

### Thursday, November 7

11:00am – 12:30pm

### Thursday, November 14

Jamming & Bible Study

## “THE FACE IN THE MIRROR”

Thanasi was having coffee with his daughter one day at the local café. The two of them had coffee every week together. They very much enjoyed each other’s company.

Thanasi, however, noticed that his daughter rarely smiled when having coffee with her. If she did smile it was brief and forced.

Like any good Greek Orthodox father Thanasi was concerned for his daughter and one day while having coffee with her he said “Smile my dear. Your life is good.” She replied “my life is good, and I am happy. But, I don’t have to smile.” Thanasi then quoted from the scriptures saying to his daughter “a joyful heart makes a cheerful face (Proverbs 15:13). You cannot fool your father my dear. What is wrong?”

His daughter paused, thought for a moment, and then said “Dad, I am not where I want to be in life.” Thanasi said “Agape mou, thank you for being honest with me. Whatever you are going through, I will be with you every step of the way. Daddy loves you my dear.”

Brothers and sisters, in the story above we see that Thanasi knew his daughter’s heart just by looking upon her face. He could see her troubled heart by looking into her eyes. She could not fool her father.

In the book of Proverbs, we also read,

*As in water, face reflects face, so a man’s heart reveals the man.*

Proverbs 27:19

Our face, eventually, reveals what is already within. We all can and should ask ourselves, “When my fellow man/woman looks upon my face, what does he/she see?”

May the Lord bless and keep us, and may His joyful face shine upon us.

Your brother in Christ the Lord,

Father Christopher Kolentsas

## Melissa News

### November Melissa Meeting

The November Melissa meeting and dinner will be held on Wed., Nov. 6 at 6:30 PM in our church hall. All women are invited to join. Please contact Chris Sarantopoulos at 978-356-3894 for information. Food will be provided.

### A Heartfelt Thank You to Everyone

Our Melissa project, "Comfort Pack Drive", was a huge success due to your generosity. This endeavor will help children between the ages of 2 to 17 who are entering foster care, living with homelessness, or being rescued from trafficking.

The donations will be given to a representative (Kara) on Sunday, November 3 after church services in our church hall. Please join us to share in this moment!



### January 2025 Raffle Calendar

The Melissa Women's Society will soon be selling **January 2025 Raffle Calendars**. You will have over 31 chances to win. The calendars cost \$10 each. The members generously donated the prizes. We also thank Betsy Frost and Chris Tetrault for their donations. The drawings will be held on Sundays in January. The calendars will make great Christmas or birthday gifts. Please contact Melissa members to purchase calendars. They will also be sold after church services. For more information, please contact Chris Sarantopoulos at [cesarantopoulos@hotmail.com](mailto:cesarantopoulos@hotmail.com) or at 978-356-3894. Good luck!

### Melissa Bake Sale

On Saturday, November 23, the **Melissa Society's biannual bake sale** will be held at the Ipswich Town Hall during the Ipswich Council on Aging Craft Fair. If you are contributing baked goods, please bring your items between 8 AM and 9 AM during our set up. The sale will begin at 9 AM and end at 1 PM. We welcome the community as well as parishioners to come and purchase delicious desserts! January 2025 Raffle Calendars filled with wonderful prizes will also be sold.

The remaining pastries will be sold after church on Sunday, Nov. 24. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Sarantopoulos at 978-356-3894 or email [cesarantopoulos@hotmail.com](mailto:cesarantopoulos@hotmail.com). Thank you for your continued support.

### Melissa Sock Drive

The Melissa Women's Society is sponsoring a **Friend's of Boston's Homeless Sock Drive**. A labeled bin will be set up in our church hall during the months of November and December. Please drop off white socks there. Or, you may drop socks off to:

Christine Sarantopoulos  
7 Brownville Ave.  
Ipswich, MA 01938

Donations to purchase socks will be accepted. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

## Sunday School

### October Sunday School News

Our Sunday school enjoyed a fun filled morning learning about "Oxi Day", celebrated on October 28th. Our class decorated delicious Greek flag cookies, with all supplies donated by From Skratch- Presvytera Kristen Kolentsas. We thank you for putting this together for us!



Amelia & Henry Doyle



Zoe Levesque



Talia Kolentsas

### December News

Please mark your calendars for upcoming December Events:

- 12/1: No Sunday School- Thanksgiving break
- 12/7: Christmas pageant rehearsal (Saturday 9:30 AM)
- 12/8: Christmas pageant
- 12/15: Christmas party at Hellenic Center- No Sunday school
- 12/22: No Sunday school - Christmas vacation
- 12/29: No Sunday School - Christmas vacation

Our annual Christmas pageant will be held on Sunday, December 8th after Divine Liturgy. Please come and enjoy our Sunday school performance! We are looking for volunteer help in setting up our nativity scene and also preparing costumes for the children. If you are able to help, please contact Elayne Georgoulakos.

The Christmas party will be hosted on Sunday, December 15th at the Hellenic Center. Doors open at 9:45 AM and the morning will be filled with magical surprises for all. Lunch will be served to all after Liturgy. Again, help is always needed for set up, food preparation and clean up. If you are able to assist, please call Elayne Georgoulakos.

We graciously appreciate everyone's help and look forward to a wonderful Christmas season!

NO STRINGS  
MARIONETTE  
C O M P A N Y



Savor the Enchantment of the  
Holidays with No Strings  
Marionette Company's Production  
of

# *Scrooge A Christmas Carol*



Come experience this timeless story, told through the magical artistry of puppets! Eighteen large-scale marionettes whisk you through the Good Ole Streets of Charles Dickens' London.

If the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future can awaken the forgotten love and joy within stingy Scrooge's heart, just think what the story can do to encourage the everlasting Spirit of Christmas in us all.

Please join us for the annual Christmas Party on Sunday,  
December 15th at the Hellenic Center.

Doors open at 9:45 AM and the day will be filled with  
magical surprises and delicious food.

Please call Elayne Georgoulakos with any questions 978 618 3844.

# NOVEMBER

| Sunday  | Monday | Tuesday                                     | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday | Saturday |
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| 3<br>5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke<br>Orthos <b>8:30am</b><br>Liturgy <b>9:30am</b><br><br>Sunday School <b>9:30am</b>   | 4      | 5   | 6<br>Melissa Meeting<br><b>6:30pm</b> in Church Hall | 7<br>Bible Study<br><b>11:00am – 12:30pm</b>   | 8      | 9        |
| 10<br>8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke<br>Orthos <b>8:30am</b><br>Liturgy <b>9:30am</b><br><br>Sunday School <b>9:30am</b>  | 11     | 12<br>Bible Study<br><b>6:15pm – 7:45pm</b> | 13<br>John Chrystostom<br>Liturgy <b>9:30am</b>      | 14<br>Jamming with Father Chris & Bible Study<br><b>11:00am</b>                            | 15     | 16       |
| 17<br>9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke<br>Orthos <b>8:30am</b><br>Liturgy <b>9:30am</b><br><br>Sunday School <b>9:30am</b>  | 18     | 19<br>Bible Study<br><b>6:15pm – 7:45pm</b> | 20   | 21<br>Entrance of the Theotokos<br>Liturgy <b>9:30 am</b>                                  | 22     | 23       |
| 24<br>13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke<br>Orthos <b>8:30am</b><br>Liturgy <b>9:30am</b><br><br>Sunday School <b>9:30am</b> | 25     | 26<br>Bible Study<br><b>6:15pm – 7:45pm</b> | 27   | 28<br> | 29     | 30       |